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OCS Policy Committee to Meet In Annapolis, MD

WASHINGTON – The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee will meet in Annapolis, Maryland, February 21 and 22, 2007, to discuss issues related to leasing, exploration, development, and protection of OCS resources.

Comprised of representatives from coastal states, local and Federal Governments, the environmental community, offshore industries, other users of the OCS, and the interested public, the committee provides policy advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) on a number of issues involving the Nation's offshore energy policy. The agenda for both days along with the committee membership list is available at: http://www.mms.gov/mmab/policy-committee/pcnew.htm

What: OCS Policy Committee Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 21, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, February 22, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: The Loews Annapolis Hotel

126 West Street

Annapolis, MD 21401

Media representatives planning to cover the meeting are asked to contact Nicolette Nye at MMS public affairs at 703-787-1011 to pre-register.

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